

# MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

May 12, 2015

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- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 9:30 a.m. in Room 201 of the Agriculture Building on May 12, 2015. The following commission members were present: Chris Gorecki, Chair, Derrick Lastinger, Vice-chair, Laurie Padgett, Dr. Brian Forschler, Bodine Sinyard, Christy Kuriatnyk, and Greg Holley.
- B. Also in attendance were representatives with the Georgia Department of Agriculture, GPCA and CPCO representatives, registrants and other members of the pest management industry.
- C. Motion was made by Mr. Sinyard to approve the minutes of the April meeting. Mr. Holley seconded the motion and motion passed.
- D. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2). During the review the Commission discussed a new company license application from BugMan LLC. The Commission discussed the name being similar to other currently licensed companies. Motion was made by Dr. Forschler to approve the application pending submission of another name. Mr. Lastinger seconded the motion and motion passed. Mr. Lastinger mentioned that the legal department is considering the Commission's request to have the Attorney General's office review the similar name rule and company names that have a Federal Trademark.
- E. Dr. Forschler provided the UGA report. Graduation took place last week. Summer field research has started and students are working on several projects including drywood termites, subterranean termites, mosquitos, and carpenter bee pollination. He also discussed an upcoming engagement where he will be teaching an IPM course at the National Taiwan University. Lastly, he discussed the latest draft of the Georgia Pollinator Stewardship Plan. Mr. Lastinger mentioned an additional stakeholder meeting had been hosted by the Georgia Agribusiness council. Comments from this meeting were considered by the committee and the draft document was revised. The revised draft will be sent to members after the meeting.
- F. Mr. Lastinger provided the Department update. He discussed several pest control related articles published in the Georgia Farmer's Market Bulletin including bed bug outreach, reporting brown marmorated stink bugs and GPCA President Jeff Dunn's guest column.
- G. Mr. Lastinger discussed a concern received from a Georgia consumer, Mr. Robbie Barron. Mr. Barron wanted to express his concerns to the Commission that termite contracts do not state boldly that termite damage found when termite infestations are inactive will not covered for damage repairs. The Commission discussed the difficulties in determining when an inactive infestation occurred and will further consider Mr. Barron's concern when reviewing the WDO rules in the next rule change.
- H. Mr. Taylor provided the licensing renewal update. He noted that certified operator renewal notices have been distributed by email and regular mail. If a renewal notice has not been

received, contact the licensing division. Company and registered employee renewal notices will be distributed later today.

- I. Mr. Gorecki discussed the background on the Commission reviewing termite retreatment cases. He highlighted a Commission decision to review all cases that fall under the complete retreatment rule with termite baiting or wood treatment preventive treatment types in response to a proposed rule change. Mr. Lastinger discussed Rule 620-6-.07(5) that states, "Any structure under contract with a licensee found by either the licensee or the Enforcement Agency to have three or more separate areas of active infestation from subterranean termites within a 5 year period shall receive a complete retreatment in accordance with the minimum treatment standards". When these cases are discussed, the Commission makes a recommendation to the Department. The recommendation is then issued by the Department as a corrective action to the licensee.
- J. Mr. Burton requested the Commission review a case involving a consumer complaint regarding a termite treatment failure. He provided details regarding treatments and inspections. Motion was made by Mr. Gorecki to require a comprehensive soil treatment. Mr. Sinyard seconded and motion passed.
- K. Mr. Mel Kyle representing Polyguard presented details regarding a TERM Particle Barrier System which is a new device installed around a structure for protection against subterranean termites. The product is a termite exclusion product consisting of naturally occurring stone particles which acts a physical barrier against subterranean termites.
- L. Mrs. Lauren Fraulick provided the legislation update.
- M. Mr. Lastinger announced the recently published Public Notice 15-02. The notice provides information regarding the July Commission meeting. The meeting will start at 10:00 AM in The Barn at Jaemor Farms located at 5340 Cornelia Highway Alto, Georgia 30510. The public notice has been published on the Commission website.
- N. Mr. Lastinger discussed draft notice 15-03 regarding the Georgia Registration status and Commission acceptance of Termidor HE for professional use in Georgia for the control and prevention of subterranean termites. Motion was made by Dr. Forschler to accept and publish the notice on the website. Mr. Sinyard seconded and motion passed.
- O. Meeting adjourned at 11:15 AM.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

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Attachment 1	Agenda
Attachment 2	New Company Licenses

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Chris Gorecki, Chairman

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Commissioner Gary W. Black, Secretary

## **Agenda**

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**Open** - Chairman Gorecki

**Minutes**

**Old Business**

**New Business**

- a. New Company Applications
- b. UGA Urban Entomology Program Update –Dr. Forschler
  - Draft Georgia Pollinator Protection Plan
- c. Georgia Department of Agriculture
  - Department Update – Tommy Gray
  - Program Update – D Lastinger
  - License Renewal Update – Tim Taylor
- d. Termite retreatment case review – Wesley Burton
- e. TERM Particle Barrier for Termites – Mel Kyle, Polyguard
- f. Public Notice 15-02
- g. Legislative update – Mr. Skin Edge
- h. NPMA update – Rick Bell
- i. Certification Examination Application Review

**Adjournment**

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**Company License Applications & Company Name Change Requests**

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The Commission approved the following applications:

- Gilstrap Exterminating-Hall County
- The Undertaker Pest Control-Walton County (Sub-Office)
- Ecologic Pest Control-Calhoun, AL (Sub-Office)
- Hart's Pest Control-Lowndes County
- Bugman LLC. –Dawson County – pending name change
- Cedar Valley Exterminating-Polk – pending insurance and name change